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## TELEGRAMS.

### COAL CRISIS.

A HOPEFUL TONE.  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
Bombay, Mar. 14, 7.25 a.m.

A Cabinet Minister stated yesterday that an early settlement of the strike was certain if the same good spirit continued as is now shown.

### PREMIER'S SUGGESTIONS.

It is officially stated that the Coal Conference continued the general discussion as to the best means of arriving at a settlement. It has been adjourned to enable certain suggestions made by Mr. Asquith to be considered.

### TOWARDS AGREEMENT.

The Miners' Federation yesterday unanimously expressed its willingness to enter into negotiations immediately with the coal owners in the various districts on purpose to secure a settlement on all points of dispute at the earliest possible moment.

### QUESTION OF RESUMPTION.

The Federation also considered the question of the men resuming, leaving certain matters for future adjustment, though it could not advise a resumption until the minimum wage was conceded.

The coal owners also conferred, and the joint conference reassembled in the afternoon at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

### PREMIER PLEASED.

London, Mar. 13, 3.25 p.m.  
At the conference Mr. Asquith expressed gratification at the course taken by the negotiations.

### SHEFFIELD WORKS CLOSE.

At Sheffield works, after making stupendous efforts to keep going, are closing down one after the other.

The owners consider that it is cheaper to close down than to pay 32/- per ton for coal.—Reuter.

### A REASONABLE ATTITUDE.

London, March 13, 4.5 a.m.  
The "Daily Telegraph" states that after a joint conference the miners' executive decided to recommend to the federation acceptance of Mr. Asquith's suggestion for district conferences, but that none of the districts return to work till a national settlement is effected.

—Reuter.

### POLAR EXPLORATION.

MAWSON'S PARTY.  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 13, 4.5 a.m.

The Hobart correspondent of Reuter says Mawson's ship, the "Aurora," has arrived, and reports that Mawson's party landed in the Antarctic on January 1st.

### CHINA IN TRANSITION.

A KANSU ARMY.  
[Our Own Correspondent.]  
Shanghai, Mar. 14, 9.30 a.m.

Viceroy Sheng Yun of Kansu, with 10,000 troops, is advancing on Tsinling-fu. The Kansu guild at Shanghai sent him a message not to advance on Peking, but Sheng Yun has dispersed the revolutionaries and declares that he will restore the Emperor.—Reuter.

### EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT.

London, Mar. 13, 5.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that an army from Kansu, which has hitherto been regarded as mythical, has defeated the Government troops and is marching on the Kalgan railway.

The army consists of ten thousand men who are well-armed.

The General, Sheng Yun, says that he is coming to restore the Emperor.

Envoy accredited by President Yuan Shih-kai has gone to meet the army and explain the situation.—Reuter.

### THE MILITARY ELEMENT.

Shanghai, March 13.

The Governors General of the various provinces will hereafter be styled Commanders-in-Chief of the provincial garrisons, and will take no part in the civil administration.

### TANG AND TSOI.

Tang Shu-yi and Tsai In-pui are proceeding to Wuchang to visit Li Yuan-heng, the Vice President.

### CABINET APPOINTMENTS.

Yuan Shih-kai has recommended Leung Si-yi, Tuan Ki-ku, Chiu, Ping-kwan and Wu Wai-tak for appointment as cabinet ministers.

### WIRELESS AT PEKING.

A wireless apparatus has been installed in the legations at Peking, and it is now possible to communicate with Taku, whence messages will be transmitted by Japanese cruisers.

### SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has appointed Ki Shih-ying commissioner for the suppression of opium.—"Shih Po."

### GERMAN TROUBLE.

### MORE DISTURBANCES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 13, 5.15 a.m.

Two hundred thousand German miners have now struck, making the number on strike seventy-five per cent. of the whole coalfield.

There were further disturbances at Hamborn yesterday evening, the strikers stoning and firing upon the police, of whom many were hurt.

### PUBLIC SERVICE.

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, Mar. 13, 8.5 p.m.

A Royal Commission has been appointed, under the Chairmanship of Lord Macdonnell, to enquire into the methods of appointment and promotion in the civil, diplomatic and consular services.—Reuter.

### SUFFRAGIST OUTRAGES.

OFFENDERS SENTENCED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, Mar. 13, 5.15 p.m.

The woman suffragists concerned in the recent outrages, at the sessions received sentences ranging from six to four months, some with hard labour. Two, upon promising not to repeat their conduct were bound over with a sum of £100 and sent to the next sessions.—Reuter.

### THE NAVY.

### LIGHT CRUISERS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, Mar. 13, 12.25 a.m.

There is speculation concerning the provision of light cruisers in the naval estimates. They are believed to be a new departure in construction; an improved kind of scout, effective but cheap.

It is stated that the Dreadnought presented by New Zealand will join the Home Fleet instead of the China Squadron.—Reuter.

### HOME POLITICS.

### LIBERAL CROAKING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, Mar. 13, 5.15 a.m.

With the exception of the "Daily News," which says the estimates represent financial disaster, the papers approve Mr. Churchill's estimates presented in difficult and delicate circumstances. Some of the critics regard light cruisers as an indication that the day of the protected cruiser has passed. They think the new departure is attributable to the probability of an extensive use of armed merchant and commerce destroyers in future wars.

### TRIPOLI WAR.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, Mar. 13, 7.20 a.m.

There has been desperate fighting at Benghezi. The Italians attacked the two oases to the north-east of Fojat and routed the Turks, pursuing them with the bayonet.

The Turks and Arabs had over a thousand killed and more wounded. The Italian casualties were 26 killed and 62 wounded.

### FIERCE ATTACKS.

There was also fierce fighting at Tobruk on Mar. 11. The Turks attacked a new fort in process of construction, but the three Italian regiments engaged in the work drove back the enemy by means of bayonet charges. They were aided by a mountain battery.

It is officially stated that the Italian casualties were 17 killed and 73 wounded. The enemy's losses were enormous.—Reuter.

### PENANG DUCKS.

### QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 13, 1.50 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Harcourt, replying to a question by Mr. Joynson Hicks, said he entirely approved of the conditions imposed by Sir John Anderson upon the Eastern Shipping Co. of Penang, in connection with the building of new docks.—Reuter.

### DISTINGUISHED COAL HEAVERS.

The learned judge who recently sat himself to break stones in order to test a case submitted for his judgment was, after all, only copying the excellent example set by Judge Moss, who on one occasion travelled, specially to Bethesda to investigate the conditions under which quarrying was done, to help him decide a lawsuit. He seized the trucks and pushed them himself with both hands.

Mr. Justice Warington has also toiled as hard as any coal-heaver. A few years ago some eighteen tons of coal near his residence set up combustion, and all his servants there were called upon to remove it urgently to the open. His lordship thereupon took his wife's barrow and worked vigorously with the rest.

Five years ago a German count was similarly found working in a railway coal-yard as a common labourer, though he had a different reason for his action; for, owing to his dissipation, he had been cashiered from a crack regiment, and, being a man of great physical strength and courage, he at once took a situation as coal-heaver.

The distance to be explored is not great, but as the lie of the Brahmaputra is at right angles to and through the greatest range of mountains in the world, the difficulties to be encountered will be of the severest description. The fixing and measuring of these falls are the chief unsolved problems of geographical science. Some 30 years ago a native was reported to have gone down the river, but after having been captured and kept prisoner for several years he returned without any maps or anything but the vaguest reports.

### SUGAR CONVENTION.

RUMOURED AGREEMENT.  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, Mar. 13, 12.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Brussels says that it is understood that Russia and Germany have agreed that Russia shall be

allowed to export 150,000 tons of sugar during the present season, and 50,000 tons during each of the next two seasons.—Reuter.

### FRANCE IN MOROCCO.

### FIGHT WITH TRIBESMEN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, March 13, 5.15 a.m.

The French column sustained casualties amounting to two killed and nineteen wounded in an all-day fight on the 9th inst. with the Zemmur tribesmen in Morocco.

There is an anti-foreign outbreak at Marrakech, and a German and a Swiss have been wounded. It is reported that the troops

fired, killing several Moors before order was restored.—Reuter.

### THE BRAHMAPUTRA FALLS.

Attempt to Solve a Mystery of the Great River.

In connection with the operations in the Abor country, and the intention of the Indian Government to explore the lower section of the unknown Brahmaputra, an expedition, consisting of two British officers with an escort, has been despatched for the purpose of setting the location of the reported great falls of the Brahmaputra.

These falls are, according to rumour, situated about halfway between the northern bend of the river and the plains of Assam. In the unknown section of 130 miles there is a fall in altitude of some

thousand feet, and the river must descend by great and numerous rapids, or by one or a series of great falls. Many attempts have been made by natives of India and others to locate the falls but without success.

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## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

## Naval Strength.

With the completion of all of the vessels now under construction or authorized, the United States will have a fleet of 382 vessels of all classes, with an aggregate displacement of nearly a million and a half tons.

The total displacement of vessels of all classes of the American navy as it stands to-day is 1,120,715, including tugs and auxiliaries. The warship tonnage is 757,711, putting the American navy next to Great Britain, with 1,806,149; Germany ranking third with 749,699. Were all the vessels now building completed, however, Germany would take second place with 1,087,399 tons, and America's total would be increased to 885,866. Great Britain would still hold first place with 2,324,574.

## More Municipal Trading.

Los Angeles is to have a municipal newspaper, according to George H. Dunlop, a real estate man, one of three members of the editorial board. Henry O. Wheeler, Jr., an attorney, and Dr. T. Percival Gerson are the other members.

"The chief function of the paper," said Mr. Dunlop, "will be to print all of the news relating to the city's affairs." The tentative plans of Mr. Dunlop provide for printing the paper by contract instead of purchasing a municipal plant. The ordinance allows \$30,000 annually for the expenses of the publication.

## Chinese and America.

Chinamen, like other foreigners, may be deported from America by order of the Secretary of Commerce and Labour, under authority of the immigration laws, and are not entitled to have a judicial determination first, under the Chinese exclusion act, of their rights to remain in America.

The Supreme Court of the United States, so deciding, held that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New York was wrong in preventing the Secretary from deporting Wong You and four other Chinamen, alleged to have been smuggled into New York from Canada. Secretary Nagel complained that the decision of the lower court greatly embarrassed his Department.

## Moderation for Mormons.

Bishop F. S. Spalding of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Utah, in the course of an address said that the Mormons regarded polygamy as a sacred tenet of a religious faith, and that people should not be too bitter against them for it. All of the women who went into polygamy did so with eyes open, the Bishop continued, and therefore it was not worth while wasting sympathy on them.

"The people of the East are all wrong," he added, "in supposing that the Mormon polygamy was a concession to the lust of mankind. It was a sacred tenet of a religious faith, so practiced, and so believed in. The problem in Utah is in consequence one to be dealt with in sympathy and through the sharing of light and knowledge and not through bitter assaults."

## Anti-tipping Legislation.

Kentucky's proposed anti-tipping law has passed the lower house of the Legislature by a vote of 59 to 7, with an emergency clause attached, which read:

"Whereas, members of the Legislature are now paying out sums of money in the way of tips, an emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this bill shall become a law as soon as signed by the Governor."

The bill provides a fine for tipping waiters and porters.

## FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

## A CHANCE FOR EVERY AMATEUR.

## Last Month's Winners.

The winners in the February competition are:

First Prize of ten dollars—Mr. and Mrs. Weston.

Second Prize of five dollars—Miss Elfrida Osmund.

Special mention must also be made of Mr. F. T. de V. Soares who sent some excellent photographs of the proposed garden city at Kowloon.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during March his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers, during the month.

The first prize is one of \$10.

and the second is one of \$5.

It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction and to

Give Everyone a Chance. Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago; pictures of life or scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at Home—any picture, general or local, may be sent along if it possesses interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is a chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes. The rules of competition appear in the issue of March 1.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1912.

### A REGRETTABLE DELAY.

The enquiry into the circumstances attending the affray on the Sui Au, on February 28, ended, as all the evidence pointed towards its ending, in complete exoneration of Lance Sergeant Attewell who took life on Tuesday. Nothing could be more regrettable than the fact that he has passed to the other side without knowing that a jury of his fellow-men found his action not only excusable but justified.

We can never know now what feelings and fears operated on Attewell's mind and impelled him to the rash act which all deplore. But at least we can be certain that he was not driven by any thought that he had done wrong. He did only his duty, and, however unfortunate the result, he had been long enough in the police force to know that, whatever duty led him, he had right on his side. There are sensitive, highly-strung natures, however, which suffer terribly in such a case as that of the deceased officer. They swing uncertainly and unhappily between immediate past and near future, regretting what has happened, fearing what is to happen. They shrink from the judgment of their fellows; rather, they shrink from the possibility of misjudgment. The man of strong level sanity who is often wanting a little in imagination, may not fully understand and sympathise with this mood of mind; but there are many who can appreciate what an agony this brooding means to a sensitive soul.

No one can ever be sure just how Attewell suffered, but that he did suffer is only too clear. And, in the light of what happened this week, regret is keen that the enquiry was delayed. There were no doubt reasons for holding the enquiry close upon a fortnight after the death of the Sui Au victim, though they do not appear in any published report that we have seen. The longer the delay, the more would a sensitive man suffer; for he was almost bound to conclude that every day of waiting pointed to something against himself being examined, a mistaken assumption, of course, but in the circumstances a natural one for a man like Attewell. So we can picture him with a mind seared by the thought of the man dead, on the one hand, and by the fear of misunderstanding on the part of his fellows on the other. It is a thousand pities, in the light of after events, that that fear was not promptly removed. To say that is not to blame anyone; it would be an impertinence to offer blame for a delay which may have justified. But it is permissible for us to express the regret that is generally felt.

### DAY BY DAY.

We must carefully distinguish between the absence of tact and the presence of principle.

### To-day's Paper.

An interesting article on coincidences on the race track appears on page 8. One page 3 will be found News of the World and the coupon for the Photographic Competition.

James Burns, who charged at the Magistracy this morning with having stowed away on the s.s. Anhui from Shanghai, was fined \$100.

At the Magistracy to-day a man charged with stealing four umbrellas and a bundle of clothing from a fellow passenger on the s.s. Kwang Si, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

The dead body of a Chinese Child was found yesterday, dumped in the Eastern district. The infant had died from small pox.

We have to thank Mr. J. Lambert, Lloyd's Surveyor, for a copy of Lloyd's statistical tables of British and Foreign shipping for 1911.

### St. Marceaux Champagne.

St. Marceaux Champagne, vintage 1904 (for which wine Messrs. A. S. Watson & Company, Ltd., are local agents) was used exclusively at the recent Coronation of the King of Siam at Bangkok and throughout the entire ceremonies connected with it.

### The V. R. C.

In connection with the amateur boxing tournament to be held under the auspices of the V. R. C. next month for the Bantam, Light, Feather and Welter championships of the Colony, we learn that so far six entries have been received. It is to be hoped that more entries will be sent along to the hon. secretary of the club, so that an interesting series of contests may be arranged.

### The Late Mr. Eberius.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, Mr. Grist made an application under section 1 of the Bankruptcy Act for the estate of G. F. Eberius, deceased, to be administered according to law. Letters of administration, said Mr. Grist, had been granted and the Official Receiver had been served with that petition and, he understood, the property had been taken possession of and no objection was taken to that application.

The Official Receiver said he had no objection to the application and it was accordingly granted.

### Congress of Universities.

Preparations are being completed for the forthcoming Congress of Universities of the Empire. The Congress is to meet in London for four days' formal discussion in July, and to remain in being as a party of fellow-travellers for nearly another month. Its members will be drawn from every quarter of the British Empire where Universities exist. The subjects included in the programme for discussion are various and practical. One of the most interesting debates will probably be the problem of the universities in the East, especially in regard to their influence on character and moral ideals. This was proposed as a topic for debate by Sir Frederick Lugard, Governor of the Colony of Hongkong and Chancellor of its new University. It is very pertinent in view of the China University and of the plans of religious fusion recently suggested by a Japanese minister.

### CREDITORS SATISFIED.

Bankruptcy Petition Withdrawn.

Mr. Gardiner, on behalf of J. H. Newbold, late of the Owl Grill Rooms, explained to Judge Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, to-day, that his client had made arrangements to pay a sum which would satisfy his creditors and he asked to have the bankruptcy petition withdrawn.

The Official Receiver said he had before him what was said to be a full list of creditors and that an arrangement to pay forty per cent. had been come to.

The petition was withdrawn.

### HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPARTURE.

#### Civil Servants' Address.

Official leave-taking is common to-day when an address was presented to His Excellency, the Governor by the members of the Civil Service at noon. A large representative gathering awaited His Excellency in the ball room at Government House, and on His Excellency's arrival, Mr. Claud Sovern read the address which is as follows:

To Sir Frederick John D'Alry Lugard, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hongkong.

May it please Your Excellency,

We the undersigned, members of the Civil Service of all grades in the Colony of Hongkong,

desire to convey to Your Excellency our respectful congratulations on the honour which His Majesty the King has conferred on you by entrusting you with the Administration of the United Territories of Northern and Southern Nigeria.

Such an appointment is a high tribute to Your Excellency's administrative capacity, which has

been shown in such a marked degree during your term of office Governor here.

It is impossible within the limits of an Address to review the principal events of the past few years, or to enumerate the various subjects, in some cases of great importance to the Colony, which have engaged your attention and received the benefit of your wise judgment, but we desire in particular to allude to that great project which has occupied so much of your time and energy namely, the founding of the University, the coping stone of your great efforts in the cause of Education. It is due to your statesmanlike foresight that Hongkong is first in the field prepared to take advantage of the call for Education in Western methods which the recent changes in China have brought about, and the result of your efforts cannot fail to be a further cementing of the friendly relations now happily existing between Great Britain and China.

It must be gratifying to you as it is to all who have the welfare of this Colony at heart that it has been found possible to hold the Opening Ceremony before you leave Hongkong.

It is our earnest hope that

Lady Lugard may shortly be restored to health. Her labours in the sphere of philanthropy are characteristic of her life, and

Hongkong owes a deep debt of

gratitude to her for all she has

done to help on every good work.

We can express no better wish

than that she may be enabled in

a different and wider sphere to

pursue further her noble efforts in the cause of Charity and Civilization.

We tender to Your Excellency an expression of our sincere good wishes for the future happiness of yourself and Lady Lugard.

Hongkong, March 1912.

Here follow the signatures of all the heads of departments.

The Judges desire to associate themselves with the services in presenting this Address.

(Signed) F. T. Piggott.

C. J.

(Signed) H. H. J. Gompertz.

P. J.

Here follow signatures of all assistant heads and subordinates of all departments in the service.

His Excellency in reply said:

I am deeply grateful to you, gentlemen, for the kind words

recorded in the Address which you, Sir, have just read.

Many of you have spent long

years in this Colony, and most

of you have been here longer than myself, but I think that I feel as

much identified with the Civil

Service of Hongkong as any of

you can.

For the interests and

problems of this Colony have for

close on 5 years been my continu-

ed study and occupation to the

exclusion of practically any read-

ing or attention to any subject

outside the Colony and its daily

press, so that I naturally feel as

though I were being uprooted

and transferred to another soil

and atmosphere.

I greatly regret to leave you,

but the summons to another place

came in terms which left me no

option but to obey.

I shall look back upon my time

here as perhaps the pleasantest in

my life, in spite of the anxiety

caused by the long continued illness of my wife. I thank you most especially for the terms in which you have alluded to her. It is a source of deep regret to her that she has been prevented from doing her part at Government House, and acquiring as personal a touch with the whole Civil Service as she would have wished to do.

I am proud to have been associated with so able and so loyal a band of colleagues. Hitherto I have occupied the position of your official Chief. In a day or two that relation will cease, and I trust it may be replaced by mutual and long continued friendship. If it should unfortunately at any time be in my power to serve your individual interests, I hope you will not hesitate to give me the opportunity.

Those of you who are my countrymen I shall hope to meet from time to time in England. To those of you whose homes are in the East I must say a long good-bye. I wish you all success both individually and in your work of administration in this important Colony. For it I cannot desire a better future than it may continue to be served by as strenuous, as high-principled and as able a Civil Service as it has at this moment.

The address was enclosed in handsome blackwood covers with silver mountings and His Excellency's initials in the centre.

### Address from the Community.

We are asked to draw attention to a notification appearing on page 5 in regard to the presentation of an address to His Excellency the Governor. The address is to be presented in the St. George's Hall at 11.30 a.m. sharp on Saturday morning and it is requested that those desiring to be present should be in their seats by 11.15.

### HUGHES COMEDY CO.

#### Scores a Big Hit.

The Hughes Comedy Company have caught on first time and are assured of a successful season in Hongkong. They came with a big reputation, and they did more than live up to it. To have its praises sung in advance is quite often damaging to a company, for anticipation leaps ahead of actual worth. But anticipation in this case fell short of realisation; which was a triumph for the company.

Doubtless there was story in "The Speculators", but one never quite got the hang of it. One seldom does in musical comedy.

So long as you know something of what is intended and the fun is good, the story does not matter. "The Speculators" does not appeal because it is quite outside the usual lines. It is not. There are all the old favourite characters and situations — and fun.

Koffos, for instance, whose specialties are revolvers and bombs and homicidal tendencies generally, is half-brother to the amiable lunatic in the "Belle of New York"—he of the inimitable, deadly ham-knife, and Bloom and Blossom are as old as—

as musical comedy.

But the fun is there—all the old screaming, rib-shaking fun.

The audience roared with

laughter where it sat last night.

One has not heard such hearty

laughter for years. If merit

is the best medicine Hong-

kong should show a clean bill of

health for some time to come.

It is a matter for congratulation

that the company is remaining for some little while.

## AN INTERESTING POINT.

## Bankruptcy Law.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Official Receiver made an application for directions concerning a bill of sale made out by Mr. L. David, late proprietor of the Kowloon Hotel, after bankruptcy proceedings had been commenced. Under section 27 of the Ordinance it was provided, he said, that all goods being at the commencement of the bankruptcy in the possession or disposition of the bankrupt were available for the creditors generally. On October 27 debtor gave Messrs. Ruttonjee and Sons a bill of sale for his furniture, the amount being \$2,530.

On Jan. 25 a receiving order was made, and it was agreed that this furniture was at the time in the possession of the debtor and of course the bill of sale did not operate.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared on behalf of the bill of sale holder and said that his Lordship could consider the matter in chambers.

His Lordship said he had read the memorandum, and it seemed to him that the Official Receiver's contention was correct.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada consented to his Lordship's view and did not press his application for hearing in chambers.

The Official Receiver said that in a former case he had refused to give up some furniture saying that there was no established custom in regard to hotel furniture here.

His Lordship:—If Mr. D'Almada wishes to have this issue tried and can call evidence with regard to any custom, I can adjourn the matter.

Mr. D'Almada said that if his Lordship adjourned the matter he would see his client. He did not wish to put him to considerable expense.

The Official Receiver:—It has been agreed not to have the issue tried.

His Lordship:—Then there is no objection to my making a ruling?

Mr. D'Almada: no.

Mr. Lewis:—Do I understand your Lordship has made a ruling that there is no such custom here?

His Lordship:—Where do you come in?

Mr. Lewis:—I am for the petitioning creditor and, of course I support the Official Receiver.

His Lordship:—I rule that there is no such custom here and therefore the bill of sale does not operate.

Debtor then went into the box and was publicly examined. He said he was the late proprietor of the Kowloon Hotel. Business had not been very prosperous of late owing to the competition of two new hotels. He recently tried to sell the hotel but failed to get a purchaser.

The examination then closed, debtor being adjudicated a bankrupt.

## CREDITOR'S PETITION.

## Affairs of the Man On Wing Company.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, Mr. Davidson appeared for the petitioning creditors against the Man On Wing Company, and he asked for a receiving order to be made. He stated that three offences were alleged and that the manager of another firm had offered to collect the debts and pay twenty-one per cent. The assets were estimated to realize \$7,000.

His Lordship: What are the total liabilities?

Mr. Davidson: I don't know. Mr. Grist, who appeared for the execution creditor, said property had been sold under the execution, and there was a debt due to his client of \$1,000, another \$280 due for rent, and \$120 bailiffs' fees. The total assets collected were less than \$270, which was sufficient to pay the landlord. Unless the Official Receiver was satisfied there were substantial assets he asked that the application be refused.

The Official Receiver said he had no objection to a receiving order being made subject to the liberty to apply for its revision.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-third ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Saturday, March 30, 1912, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.:

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1911.

After allowing for interest, auditors' and consulting committee's fees, writing off \$6,070.78 for loss on a steam lighter sold and a junk lost, providing for depreciation on buildings and machinery, launches, lighters, etc., the net profit, including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$217,214.92, which it is recommended should be applied as follows:

To be placed to Revenue fund ..... \$1,000.00 To the writing off of certain dead or doubtful assets of previous years ..... 85,937.27 To the paying of a dividend of 40 cents per share ..... 160,000.00 Leaving, to be carried forward to the credit of next year's account ..... \$877.65

Consulting Committee.—During the year the Hon. Mr. H. Keiski resigned his seat on the consulting committee, and the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross was appointed in his place. In accordance with the articles of association, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross and Dr. J. W. Noble retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin, who are recommended for re-election.

Shewan Tomes & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, March 9, 1912.

Statement of Accounts for the year 1911.

Profit and Loss Account.

Auditors' fee ..... \$ 600.00 Consulting Committee's fees 4,000.00 Interest ..... 12,970.49 Less on sale of steam lighter 4,634.11

Less of Deep Water Bay junk in typhoon ..... 1,900.37 Amount written off as depreciation ..... 107,022.83

Balance ..... 247,214.92

Balance brought forward from 1910 ..... \$20,645.46

Balance from Working Account:—

Sale of Conjoint, 317,766.73

Sale of Bricks, Pipes, etc. ..... 9,396.78 357,635.56

Balance Sheet.

Capital ..... 1,000 shares at \$10 each fully paid up ..... \$10,000,000.00

Reserve fund ..... 14,000.00 Sundry Credits ..... 78,704.01

Balance of Profit and Loss Account ..... 247,214.92

Balance ..... \$1,319,918.03

Green Island, Macao:— Buildings & Machinery as per last statement ..... \$126,115.21

Less Depreciation ..... 25,566.91 100,518.30

Cement and Raw Material in stock valued at ..... \$128,149.58

Cast and Casks ..... 2,430.16 Stores valued at ..... 28,116.54 158,690.28

Hok Un, Hongkong:— Land as per last statement ..... 1,248,653.31

Buildings and Machinery as per last statement ..... 974,766.18

Less Depreciation ..... 58,485.97 916,280.21

Cement and Raw Material in stock valued at ..... 106,242.89

Coal, Casks, Drums and Guncotton ..... 41,067.88 Stores, General and Machinery valued at ..... 161,631.08 609,881.80

Oment on consignment valued at ..... 88,640.16 Deep Water Bay Works:— Land as per last statement ..... 8,600.00

Buildings and Machinery as per last statement ..... 103,901.18

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University Bazaar. Chinese

State Dinner.

Friday, March 15.

H. E. the Governor and Lady

Lugard's Farewell At Home,

Government House,

University Bazaar.

Saturday, March 16.

Departure of Sir Frederick and

Lady Lugard for England.

University Bazaar.

Sunday, March 17.

South China Rifle Association

meeting. First day.

Monday, March 18.

Ordinary Annual Meeting,

Royal Aerofoil Works Manufac-

tory. 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20.

Annual General Meeting of

the Hongkong Club. 5.15.

Thursday, March 21.

The Condoliers, Hongkong

A. D. C. City Hall, p.m.

Friday, March 22.

21st Half Yearly Drawing of

Dobentures, Hongkong Club.

The Condoliers.

Saturday, March 23.

The Condoliers.

We report that we have audit-

ed the above balance sheet with

the books and vouchers of the

Company and that in our opinion

such balance sheet is properly

drawn up so as to exhibit a true

and correct view of the state of

the Company's affairs at Decem-

ber 31, 1911, according to the

best of our information, and the

explanations given to us, and as

shown by the books of the Com-

pany. The various stocks as in

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1912. [207]

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 MANILA ..... LOONGSANG ..... Saturday, 16th Mar., 2 p.m.  
 SHANGHAI ..... KWONGSANG ..... Sunday, 17th Mar., Daylight.  
 TIENSIN ..... CHIPISTUNG ..... Wednesday, 20th Mar., Noon.  
 MANILA ..... YUENSANG ..... Saturday, 23rd Mar., 2 p.m.  
 SHANGHAI, KOBE & NAMSANG ..... Friday, 29th Mar., Noon.  
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 SHANGHAI ..... TUNGSHING ..... Tuesday, 12th Mar., Noon.

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 COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, OSAKI, Nagano, T. 7.000 March, Daylight  
 & PORT SAID ...

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 SHANGHAI, MOJI, T. 7.000 March, at Noon.  
 KOKO, YOKOHAMA, SANUKI MARU, TUESDAY, 9th  
 April, at Noon.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via NIKKO MARU, FRIDAY, 15th  
 MANILA, THURSDAY, ISLAND, KUMANO MARU, FRIDAY, 12th  
 TOWNSVILLE, KUMANO MARU, April at Noon  
 BRISBANE, UNL. M. Winckler, T. 6.000

NASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA, YAWATA MARU, WEDNESDAY, 10th  
 YOKOHAMA, Capt. T. Soi, T. 5.000 April, Noon.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA, HITACHI MARU, THURSDAY, 28th  
 HAMA, Capt. T. Yamamoto, T. 7.000 March, at 11 a.m.

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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ..... KUEICHOW, 17th Mar., 4 p.m.

MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO ... TAMING, 18th Mar., 4 p.m.

HAIPHONG ..... SUNGKANG, 20th Mar., 10 a.m.

SHANGHAI ..... CHENAN, 21st Mar., 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI ..... LINAN, 23rd Mar., M'night.

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MANILA LINE.—Twin screw Steamers "Tean" and "Taming,"

saloon accommodation amidships; electric fans fitted; extra state-rooms on  
 deck, aft. Saloon accommodation of n.s. "Kaifong" is situated on deck, aft.

SHANGHAI LINE.—FAST SCHEDULE: TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Anhui, Chenan, Linan, Chinkua) — with excellent passenger  
 accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-  
 rooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday  
 and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and  
 Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the  
 Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10  
 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience  
 of transhipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares:—Single \$4.45. Return \$7.50.

For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Telephone No. 26. Hongkong, 14th March, 1912.

Agents.

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## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
 Deutsche Dampfschiffahrtsgesellschaft "HANSA."

EAST ASIATIC SERVICE,  
 Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,  
 via STRAITS and COLOMBO,  
 to Marseilles, Havre, Bremen and Hamburg and New York.

Taking cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental  
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 other Mediterranean Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and  
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## COMMERCIAL.

## Home Stock Exchange.

Messrs. Zorn and Leigh-Hunt's weekly Stock Exchange Report dated Feb. 3 contains the following:—Two or three days of brisk business have been succeeded by a curious kind of dullness and depression for which it is difficult to account, except as the consequence of a falling away of public interest. Yesterday most of the markets were distinctly weak for no particular cause. The money outlook remains disappointing, and, with the indication of rates stiffening in New York, there seems to be even yet small prospect of an early reduction in the Bank of England minimum. Much was made of a small failure in Berlin which occurred on Thursday night, but if the markets had not been disposed to dullness, probably little would have been heard of it.

The temptation is strong this morning to attempt to write in advance Mr. Lloyd George's speech at this afternoon's meeting in the City. Unless the Chancellor of the Exchequer has some new scheme up his sleeve for rehabilitating the position and prestige of Consols, it would be an easy task to state practically what he is going to say. The chairman of the principal London banks at the January meetings brushed out the subject pretty exhaustively, although there were one or two important aspects upon which they did not touch. Still, there is so little general interest taken in Consols that to make any exploration into the field of their possibilities appears to be barren labour.

Foreign Bonds keep decidedly steady, in spite of disquieting rumours from abroad. For the South American, Japanese, Chinese, and similar securities demand is reviving; while amongst speculators about the tip is to buy Peruvian Preference, which now stand at 42.3-4. This, it should be pointed out, is 3 points above the recent lowest, and further gains have been forthcoming during the last few days as to any chance of the heavy arrears of interest being funded, at all events for many years to come. All the same, the market is inclined to ignore these particular considerations, and although Paris has suffered from depression during the last day or two, there have been few sales of Peru Preference from that quarter. To take up and put away for six months or so, the stock should prove an admirable speculative investment, and possibly it is right to buy merely for the sake of snatching a quick turn.

The position of Home Rails has not intrinsically changed since we reviewed it last week, though the more hopeful views as to the outcome of the miners' conference, coupled with some excellent dividend declarations, caused sharp rises during the earlier part of the week. A final settlement of the dispute would probably cause further upward movement, and would be warranted to a slight extent, but, at the same time, the state of unrest among labour all over England must not be forgotten. The days of a four per cent. yield on Home Rails are past, and it is only when stocks are at a level to return five per cent. or over (thus allowing scope for contingencies) that they can be considered worth buying.

## THE ROYAL AERATED WATERS MANUFACTORY.

## To-day's Advertisements

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the General Manager, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1911, declaring Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1912, until SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOME'S &amp; CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1912. [213]

## NOTICE.

WANTED a good foreman (Asiatic or Portuguese) for the Harbour

of Public Works, Age, 25 to 35,

a salary \$100 per month. Full particulars may be obtained at the Public Works Office.

Applicants must have had experience on works of some magnitude and must be able to speak and write English and to speak the Cantonese or Fukka dialect.

Applications, with copies of testimonials, to be addressed to the Director of Public Works on or before the 30th inst.

W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works, Public Works Office, Hongkong, 13th March, 1912. [214]

## Public Companies

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING of the

SHAREHOLDERS of the above

Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pudding's Street, on MONDAY, the 25th March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO., LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1912. [218]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pudding's Street, on MONDAY, the 25th March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to 25th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO., LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1912. [217]

## THE ROYAL AERATED WATERS MANUFACTORY.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro Office, No. 39, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1912, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of submitting the Report of the Directors and Accounts, Hongkong, 9th March, 1912. [235]

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## Consignees

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZESS ALICE," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Vanuolas, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf &amp; Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th of March, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th of March, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 21st of March, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-signing.

Applications with copies of testi-

monials, to be addressed to the Director of Public Works on or before the 30th inst.

W. CHATHAM,

Director of Public Works.

Public Works Office,

Hongkong, 13th March, 1912. [241]

THE Steamship

"BEIGRAVIA," Captain Hildbrandt, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf &amp; Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Under-signing.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary is given to-day.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival hereafter, which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 10th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.

This steamer brings cargo:—

Ex.s.s. "August" from Stettin.

"Berlin" " "

"Paul" " "

"President Lincoln" from New York.

Ex.s.s. "Germany" from Göteborg.

"Emin" " Stettin.

"Sarabek" " Stettin.

"Sarawak" " Havre.

HAMBURG-ALERIKA LINIE, Honorary Office.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1912. [212]

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THE "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "MONTRÉO."

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims must be presented to the Under-signing on or before the 9th prox., or they will not be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL &amp; CO., LTD., Agents.

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